

## ANRPB Meeting held August 17th, 2022

Vice Chairman Stephen Shears opened the meeting at 17:10hrs CST, 17:40hrs EST

**Attendees:** Stephen Shears, Paul Gibbs, Gavin Harris, Jeff Profke, Russell Somerville, Marc Tenaglia, Janine Johnston, Kevin Wilson.

**Apologies:** Greg Kakoschke, Peter Flack.

Previous general meeting minutes accepted as true and correct. Paul Gibbs, seconded Russell Somerville. Carried.

**Correspondence In:** Peter Virgona

**Correspondence Out:** Mass database mailout regarding the National Race to Australian Federations / Clubs.

**Business arising from Correspondence in:** Reply to Peter Virgona.

### Business Arising from previous general meetings:

<b>FCI</b>	Stephen awaiting reply. Stephen thinks the Bi-Annual conference has been delayed due to covid19.	Awaiting on correspondence. To discuss when correspondence is received from the FCI.
<b>Benzing Sponsorship</b>	Greg had discussion about Australian Cobar National with Kevin Clarke in regard to naming rights sponsorship. Kevin is willing if Benzing head office Austria was willing to support the event. Benzing required information about which advertising agency we were going to use and other requests.	ANPRB to no longer request sponsorship from Benzing for this year's event.
<b>Government recognition / Sports Australia.</b>	Greg has sent email to new Minister for Sport (Hon. Anika Wells, QLD Labour Politician) outlining previous correspondence, Jeff Profke also approached the Minister. Greg sent email to Sports Minister on 14/07/2022.	Jeff Profke advised in the original correspondence from then Senator Colberg a link was attached to have Pigeon racing recognized as a sport. The board was uncertain if this original correspondence was followed through at the time. Jeff Profke has sent email to organize an appointment with Wells through Genevieve Newton private secretary to the minister. Greg has also sent email in this time.

		Jeff expressed concerns that the board has not completed the relevant documentation as outlined in earlier correspondence. Stephen to discuss with Greg to process questionnaire.
<b>Donations for fundraising</b>	<p>Donations have been pledged by fanciers donating birds for the September fundraiser. 5 birds have been donated from NSW fanciers with Stephen Shears organising photographs in Sydney and delivery of birds and pedigrees to Tim Fawcett. Jeff asked who will pay freight from QLD to Adelaide for donated pigeons. Jeff is awaiting to see fanciers at next QPF meeting. Gavin discussed keeping birds in state however to organise birds to be freighted together to minimise freight costs. Marc advised he was going to ask for donations from Victorian fanciers.</p>	Jeff Profke and Marc Tenaglia to follow up re expression of interest of pigeon donations from states fanciers.
<b>COBAR Grand National</b>	<p>South Australia: Russell has sent EOI for the Keith and Port Augusta clubs. Arrangements are being organised for basketing and transporting birds to the race. Russell is currently allocating an area and crates required for the race.</p> <p>Gavin Harris shared a screen regarding a developed spreadsheet, working out liberation times from Cobar to Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne. Gavin based on average pigeon speed of 70km/hr with no wind. Gavin has also prepared the race nomination forms with the ANRPB logo 10 birds.</p> <p>Victoria: Marc Tenaglia has emailed the chairman of national committee and main organisations in Victoria. Marc advised although everyone is happy to participate in the Grand National Race and provide results, fanciers are not wanting to pay an additional \$10 per bird nomination as fanciers are already paying to enter Victoria's races. Marc advised he is currently in discussion with Tony Price regarding the race.</p> <p>New South Wales: Paul Gibbs sent race nomination details to major NSW federations to display on websites. A PDF file was made available for federations to distribute for fanciers. Basketing centres – Logistics discussed for basketing and pickup - NSW pigeons to be transported by Stephen with a donation of vehicle. Paul Gibbs advised</p>	The \$10 nomination fee is non-negotiable in order to participate for the glory of the grand national title and contributes to the state prize money.

	<p>has spoken to the ACT ex secretary Anton who advised ACT not interested in a race organised by the board.</p> <p>Queensland: Jeff Profke has printed off entry forms and distributed to fanciers within QPF. Peter Flack has posted on various facebook groups and websites. The Race to be held in October.</p> <p>Western Australia: Kevin Wilson advised WA has had a successful race with the winner Jo Darcy. 48 fanciers participated with 200 pigeons. 35 fanciers timed birds. Kevin Wilson moved a motion for the board to award 5 prizes for the WA grand national race of 1<sup>st</sup> place \$1000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$500, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$300, 4<sup>th</sup> place \$150, 5<sup>th</sup> place \$50 with one prize per flier. Motion seconded by Jeff Profke. – Carried. Kevin Wilson advised he was pleased with result of the federation and will pass on thanks of the chair. Kevin has collected \$2000 and to disperse to relevant fanciers.</p>	<p>Kevin Wilson to disperse prize money to relevant fanciers. 1<sup>st</sup> \$1000 J.Darcy 2<sup>nd</sup> \$500 R.Sheehy 3<sup>rd</sup> \$300 M.Seferovic 4<sup>th</sup> \$150 S.Preedy 5<sup>th</sup> \$50 M.Shaw</p>
<p>Publicity and Promotion</p>	<p>Kevin Wilson was able to show finished bumper stickers that have been kindly donated. Board happy with the look and quality of ANRPB logo stickers. Mugs (100x) have arrived at Gavin Harris’s office. Woven Badges have been ordered with the deposit paid. Paul Gibbs suggested selling a combination of items in a showbag. Packaging to be sourced. Russell Somerville enquired about a cashless system as their club is going cashless. Gavin Harris advised he has a square that could be configured for the board to use at the convention.</p> <p>A discussion was held regarding pricing current agreed prices are Coffee cups \$15 Stickers \$2 Woven Badges \$10</p> <p>Shirts to be negotiated, awaiting design – generic picture on front, logo on back.</p>	<p>Gavin Harris to organize Paper bags – 50</p> <p>Gavin Harris has a square that could be configured for the board to use at the convention.</p>

**General Business**

Expression of interest received.	An expression of interest for the board was received from Peter Virgona Victoria. A discussion was held with members agreeing to encourage Peter to seek endorsement from VRPB as per Victorias policy. Marc Tenaglia had left meeting at this time.	Janine Johnston to send email to thank Peter for his interest of joining the board. Gavin Harris to follow up.
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### **Treasurers Report**

Current bank balance \$67,210.89. Treasurer to reimburse (\$306.29) Stephen Shears for BlueHost website hosting fee. Stephen to forward details for ANRPB to invoice \$500 to Anpario and Phil Murphy who are sponsoring the sleeves of the shirts we are procuring.

### **State News**

#### **QLD**

Jeff Profke – QPF have had 7 races on west line. Most flyers have had large losses.

#### **NSW**

Stephen Shears – Fed Bird Derby 101 competitors with 54 birds timed. A member wrote a letter to the Fed regarding changing mid-week races as he works. Threatened to write to RSPCA as birds may be attacked by predators if the loft is left open.

Paul Gibbs – North Road Combine have been releasing south this year. Mid North Coast have been releasing up the coast – Birds have been clashing. Mid North Coast have been losing birds in QLD due to overlapping races with NRC. Central Cumberland had to change liberation time due to NRC changing agreed times with little notice.

#### **VIC**

Marc Tenaglia – Left meeting due to another appointment before report was given.

#### **SA**

Russell Somerville – Nothing to report. Completed YBD. YBD released other side of Broken Hill in wet conditions. Velocity was under 1000 with birds returning late.

Gavin Harris – Returns have been good from both derbies so far. Race today clocked a pigeon with leading velocity doing 130.1km/hr.

## **WA**

Kevin Wilson – Successful Grand National Race.

**Meeting closed** 19:16pm EST, 18:46pm CST

**Next meeting** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022, (1730 Qld, NSW and Vic /1700 SA, 1530 WA)